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## Tobin Asks Congress to Rush Bill Wiping Out Taft-Hartley

**Proposed Measure Bans Injunctions, Returns Closed Shop**

Washington.—The long-awaited repeal of the obnoxious Taft-Hartley act is in the works at last. The administration's bill, calling for the death of the dead state written by the National Association of Manufacturers, lawyers and businessmen through the Republican 80th Congress in 1947, has gone to the Senate Labor Committee. The bill is expected to be passed in the near future.

## Gotham Union in Dispute Bids For Public Support

By ARNOLD BEICHMAN

New York.—An unusual step was taken by Local 32, Building Service Employees International Union, for the union passed a public opinion poll in the city of New York. The poll was conducted by the union's public relations committee, and the results were as follows: 60 percent of the respondents favored the union, 30 percent favored the employers, and 10 percent were undecided. The union is now using this information to build up public support for its position in the dispute with the employers.

## Erasure of T-H Can't Be Ducked, AFL Head Writes

Washington.—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, has written a letter to the House of Representatives, urging the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act.

## Text of Council's Statement On Housing, Rent Control

The text of the Executive Council's statement on housing legislation is as follows:

**HOUSING NEEDS**  
We are alarmed by the acute housing shortage which still confronts the nation almost 4 years after the war. It is estimated that there is a current deficiency of 10,000,000 homes, and that 6,000,000 additional homes must be built within the next 10 years if the housing needs of the American people are to be adequately met. We should be building at 1,000,000 homes annually, but last year private builders constructed only 525,000. Indeed, the heaviest accepted figure of 15,000,000 homes needed during the next 10 years, since the population during the war and postwar years, even in an under-estimation of the nation's housing requirements. In view of the fact that the population during the war and postwar years, it is quite possible that in terms of the area-by-area need the 15,000,000 figure is too low.

## NEW HOUSING LEGISLATION

Ever since the war, the American Federation of Labor has been in the forefront of the fight for housing legislation. We have fought for the passage of the Housing Act of 1947, the Housing Act of 1948, and the Housing Act of 1949. We have fought for the passage of the Housing Act of 1950, and we are now fighting for the passage of the Housing Act of 1951. We believe that the passage of the Housing Act of 1951 is the only way to solve the housing problem.

## Long List of Subjects Put Before Leaders As Meeting Opens

Miami.—The AFL's Executive Council opened its bi-monthly session here today with a careful scrutiny of the Taft-Hartley repeal bill now before the Senate Labor Committee in Washington.

President William Green, in an interview with the press, outlined the subjects to be discussed at the meeting, which will last a month through examination at the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, which will be held in Miami, Florida, in March.

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## Employers and Unions Trying to Learn How to Live in Harmony, Study Finds

New York.—Cooperation between labor and management is crucial to the success of the nation, according to a study by the National Labor Relations Board. The study found that the most successful labor-management relationships are those in which both sides are willing to work together to solve problems. The study also found that the most successful labor-management relationships are those in which both sides are willing to compromise.

## Wages in Building Trades Still Lagging Behind Prices

Washington.—Despite the hourly wage gains won by workers in the building trades in 1948, the industry is still lagging behind prices. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that the average hourly wage in the building trades was 10.1 cents in 1948, while the average hourly price was 11.1 cents. This means that the building trades are still 10 percent behind prices.

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Geneva—President Truman's proposal to extend United States aid to underdeveloped areas has been warmly welcomed by David Morse, director of the International Labor Office (ILO). Morse said the ILO was already well advanced on a program to increase the technical skills of labor in underdeveloped areas, an aspect of Mr. Truman's proposal that has been much stressed in official United States interpretations of what the President had in mind.

"None of the world's national resources," Mr. Morse said, "is so valuable as its stock of trained and untrained manpower. At present, the nations of the world are not making the most of their manpower."

The director pointed out that various specialized agencies would meet here in Geneva to discuss the problem of increasing the technical skills of labor in underdeveloped areas. He emphasized that the labor body had played its part in the program by the suggestion of the President's "fourth point."

The ILO's program for labor productivity in underdeveloped areas is the problem of maintaining countries short of persons with technical skills in order to develop their economies. The ILO will meet here March 12 for a Latin America session, where it will continue its technical training program, as it did during the war, to bring to the attention of the persons trying to develop their countries the program the ILO can put to their disposal.

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Washington—The chairman of the Senate and House Judiciary committees today announced a bill to investigate the insurance industry, which is being introduced in the Senate and House.

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Miami—Labor's League for Political Education will shortly establish a hard-hitting national weekly newspaper as a key element in the league's program, it was announced here following a meeting of LPE's Administrative Committee.

## Plan to Launch an Outstanding Weekly Newspaper, Which, It Is Hoped, Will Become One of the Most Influential Pub- lications in the Country, Was Announced by William Green, LPE Chairman.

Joseph D. Keenan, director of LPE, said the newspaper, which will be published in Washington and circulated in every part of the country, will be a capable staff as well as a quality staff.

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